



## James Edwin Palmer

Jim as he was known amongst his friends began his military service as Commander of the Cadet Corps at Michigan State at Lansing. In 1917 Jim entered the US Army Air Service as a commissioned 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant in the 1st Aviation School Squadron which was organized from Aviation Company "A." Soon after, it was then re-designated as the 14th Aero Squadron (I).

He completed his flight school ground training on the campus of Berkeley College. His unit was again re-designated Squadron A, Rockwell Field, California.

In 1918 he was then commissioned as a 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant and transferred to the US Army Air Service at Rockwell Field, North Island, in San Diego. The 1<sup>st</sup> Aviation School Squadron consisted of 30 officers, 185 enlisted men, 12 civilians, and 30 planes. Lieutenant Palmer was one of the first officers stationed at the newly built March Air Field in Riverside California.

Lt. Palmer was assigned to lead the Night Flight Training Unit and flew a Curtiss N-9 and a Curtiss N-9 Trainer.

In late 1918 his Squadron was demobilized and he was honorably discharged from the US Army Air Service, he returned to Lindsay, California where he became an original charter member of the Lindsay American Legion Post 128, District 15. Then in 1923 he served as the Post Commander.

